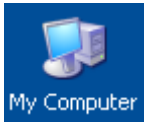


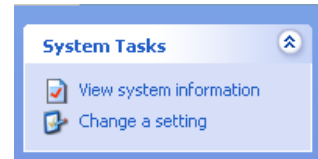
Recommended Computing Requirements

To determine if your current computer set-up meets the requirements, this step-by-step document should help define where to locate the information and then confirm the desired levels. It may not cover your specific machine, however – so if you do not have a computer resource person at your disposal and you are unsuccessful in using this guide, please contact MDT at the Contact Number provided in the contacts section of this document.

1. Open the My Computer icon from your desktop by double-clicking the icon.




2. Click on “View system information” under System Tasks.



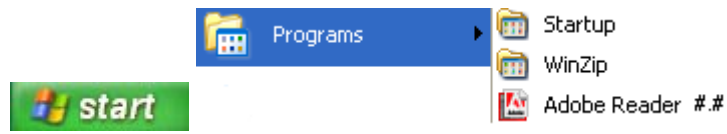
NOTE: If you do not have a My Computer icon, try the “Start”, “Control Panel” option and then go into My Computer from that route. Click on the “View system information”.

3. If you look at the General tab it will display System Information which reflects your operating system, such as Windows XP or Windows 2000 and the service pack level. This is important information should you need to do some troubleshooting later on. Please write it down. _____
4. While still on the General tab, look toward the bottom of the display and it will show details about your physical computer. You are interested in:
 - a. The **type of CPU** – recommendation is Pentium III or higher, Pentium IV is encouraged; Presario if you have a Compaq machine is also sufficient.
 - b. The **speed** (in GHz or MHz) – recommendation is 800 MHz or faster. [G is 1000 times faster than M]
 - c. The **amount of memory** – recommendation is 256 MB RAM or higher. [G is 1000 times more memory than M]
 - d. Close System Properties by clicking on the red x in the upper right corner of the window.
5. While on the main *my computer* page look at the local disk information. In most cases this is the C drive.

Name	Type	Total Size	Free Space
Hard Disk Drives			
 Local Disk (C:)	Local Disk	XX	XX

The XXs will indicate the total size of your **local disk** drive and how much free space is available. The recommendation is that you have at least a 40GB hard drive with 100MB of free space available. Close out of this page by clicking on the red x in the upper right corner of the window.

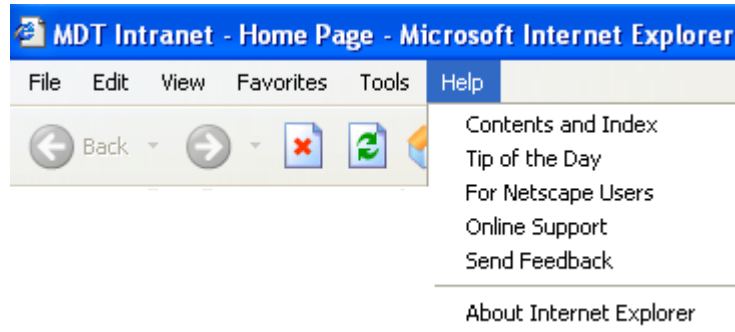
6. To check Adobe Acrobat Reader application level, click on



The recommended level is 5.0 or greater and those numbers would be reflected instead of the #.# in the screen print above. If it is not displayed there open up the application by double clicking on the program name and then go to the “Help” and “About” information to identify the level of your copy of the application. Adobe Acrobat Reader is free software. If you do not have a copy of it you may go to their website www.adobe.com and download a free copy of the reader.



7. Now, let’s check out your Internet Explorer. Please click on the icon. and use the “Help” menu to bring up “About Internet Explorer”.



The top line of the wording will tell you what version of Microsoft Explorer you are using and what Service Pack (SP) you have installed. The recommendation is for Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher with the latest service pack (at least SP2).

8. The second line should display the Cipher Strength – recommendation is 128-bit for the encryption. You may now close Internet Explorer and move on to another section of the documentation if you wish.

CONTACTS – Permitting System

If you find that you need to change any account information, have a route added or the permit you are issuing requires an override, please contact MCS Helena headquarters at 406.444.7262 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, or any MCS weigh station if you require assistance after office hours or on the weekend (except holidays).

If you experience a technical problem that is directly related to computer hardware and is not a permit override, etc., please contact Butch Paquin at 406.444.6403 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays).